THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The proposed outlay for Central Sector schemes of the Department of power for the Annual Plan 1989-90 is Rs. 3948 crores which is 30.25 per cent more than the approved outlay for the current financial year (1988-89). It is likely to meet the requirements of the power programme envisaged for the year 1989-90.

Job reservations in the Ministry of Energy

2927. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 15 per cent reservation in jobs for Scheduled Castes is being fully and strictly enforced and implemented by his Ministry; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pre-recorded messages in telephones by the gas Agencies in the Capital

2928. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some gas agencies in the capital have fed pre-recorded messages in their telephones and that the consumers' inquires/queries are not attended to;

(b) whether Government are aware that this is causing difficulties to the LPG consumers;

(c) if so, what are the names of such gas agencies; and

(d) what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DATT): (a) to (d) The Automatic Telephone Answering System at the LPG distributors' premises is being extended in a phased manner in major LPG markets including Delhi. This is an additional consumer facility whereby consumers can book refills during non-working hours. Complaints have been received by the oil companies that in a few cases, this system is not working smoothly because of poor after-sale service by the equipment manufacturers. These complaints are followed up promptly by the oil companies and corrective action taken.

Coal Mines Welfare and Coal Mines Welfare Fund Organisation

2929. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition of and the staff employed at present by the Coal Mines Welfare Organisation and the Coal Mines Welfare Fund Organisation respectively; and

(b) what representation has been given to the members belonging to Scheduled Caste on each of the organisation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Coal Mines Labour Welfare Organisation has been abolished w.e.f. 1-10-86 and its employees transferred to the coal companies. There is no organisation called Coal Mines Welfare Fund Organisation.

(b) Does not arise.

Staff strength of Central Electricity Authority

2930. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the composition and staff at present employed by the Central Electricity Authority; and

(b) what are the details of the representation given to the persons belonging to SCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The requisite information in respect of the Central Electricity Authority is contained in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 160].

इलाहाबाद जिले में गांवों में टेलीफोन

2931. **श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1988-89 वर्ष के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश के इलाहाबाद जिले के कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करायी गई;

(ख) 1989-90 के दौरान कितने गांवों में टेलीफोन सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करा दिये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धन राशि उपलब्ध करायी गई है अथवा आवंटित की गई है?

संचार **मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो)**: (क) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान इलाहाबाद जिले के दो गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान कर दी गई हैं।

(ख) 1989-90 के दौरान चार और गांवों को टेलीफोन सुविधाएं प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है।

(ग) इस प्रयोजन के लिए अलग से कोई राशि आवंटित नहीं की जाती। इन कार्यों पर होने वाला खर्च समिति को दिए गए एक मुश्त अनुदान से पूरा किया जाता है।

Measures to accord safety in mines

2932. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has decided to take up several measures to accord greater priority to safety in mines;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) to what extent the steps will provide cent per cent safety in coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The safety situation in the coal mines is constantly reviewed by the Safety Board of Coal India Limited. In addition, Standing Committee on Safety in Coal Mines, under the Chairmanship of Energy Minister, comprising of representatives of the Central Trade Unions, the coal companies and the Directorate General of Mines Safety, regularly monitors the safety situation in the coal mines and advises on the long/short term measures necessary to reduce hazards connected with the coal mining operations.

(b) and (c) The following areas have been identified for special attention:—

(i) re-introduction of Coal Cutting Machines and elimination of solid blasting as far as possible,

(ii) staggering of shifts of loaders and preparation of 1½ times the number of faces to minimise the risks involved in collection of coal from freshly exposed faces,

(iii) creation of multi-skilled crew,

(iv) introduction of and adherence to support plans in underground mines,

(v) improvement of travelling roadways,

(vi) fitting of HEMM, specially the Dumpers, with Audio-Visual Alarms for safe reversal of vehicles,

(vii) conducting seminars/special training programmes on safety to inculcate awareness among miners. These measures are expected to